

TALES CONTRIVED TO FLIP YOU OUT OF YOUR

# SKULL



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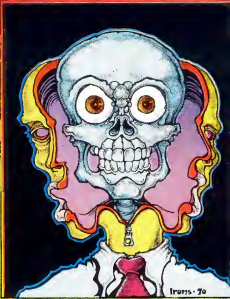
THE WIND PERVERT



THE BOGEYMAN



THE BRIGHTON AXE-MURDERER



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ADULTS ONLY, KIDS!

"KIDS! EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE  
 GREAT OLD **HORROR** COMIX THAT USED TO SCARE  
 THE SHIT OUT OF YA WAY BACK IN THE 50'S? **REMEMBER?** WELL, THEY ALL **DISAPPEARED**,  
 AN' IT WASN'T **BLACK MAGIC** WHAT DONE  
 'EM IN, EITHER! THOSE COMIX ARE **GONE!**  
 UNTIL **NOW**, THAT IS! THINGS BEIN' AS  
 THEY ARE THESE DAYS, A FEW OF US OL'  
 CHARACTERS DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO  
 REVIVE TH' **HORROR** COMIX ... IN KEEP-  
 IN' WITH TH' TIMES, Y'UNDERSTAND!  
 ... SO HERE GOES - SKULL  
 COMIX GONNA LAY IT ON  
 YER SKULL ... BUT YA  
 BETTER BUY THIS **FAST**  
 (OR BETTER YET, **STEAL IT!**) -  
 'CAUSE YA NEVER KNOW  
 WHEN THEY'LL HAVE AN  
 OTHER GREAT COMIX  
 BOOK CLEAUP!

# SKULL #1

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GREETINGS DEAR READER -

I SEE THAT THE PRESSURES OF REAL LIFE HAVE CAUSED YOU TO SEEK ESCAPE IN THE WORLD OF FINE LITERATURE! WELL, YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE, I'M GLAD TO SAY! THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR - TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM IT ALL - FROM THE TORTURES OF T.V., NEWSPAPERS - THE WOEFUL WORLD IN GENERAL, WHICH I DARE SAY EVEN I FIND A BIT GRIM! INSTEAD, WE'D LIKE TO ENTERTAIN YOU

WITH A GLIMPSE OF OUR OWN LITTLE CHAMBER OF HORRORS! ... PALE IN COMPARISON WITH THE ONE IN WHICH YOU'RE FORCED TO LIVE, PERHAPS, BUT WE HOPE YOU'LL FIND IT AMUSING.

.... AH! BUT OF COURSE! I'VE FAILED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF! WHAT'S THAT? I LOOK FAMILIAR. YOU SAY? AH YES ... WELL, PERHAPS YOU'VE SEEN ME IN A DREAM! BUT NEVER MIND THAT ... FOR THE TIME BEING, JUST CALL ME ... THE **SKULL!** - AND NOW FOR THE FIRST OF OUR STORIES; ONE WHICH I CONJURED UP ESPECIALLY FOR ALL OF YOU HEADS! I CALL IT...

# HEAD BEFORE TAIL!

PETALUMA FLESHMANN  
WAS BORED...

THE SCENE IS GETTIN' TO  
BE A DRAG ... ALWAYS THE  
SAME BLAH CRAP'S COMIN'  
ON WITH THE SAME BLAH  
LINE ...

WASH YOUR  
FACE

HEY, BRANCH UP  
FOR A JUKE ON MY  
BUNGIE

HEY BABY,  
WHY'S YOUR  
SIGAT

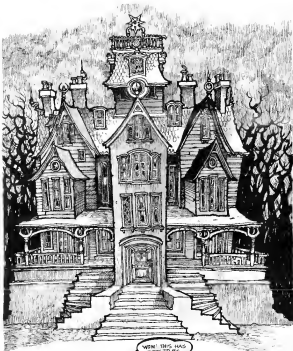
HEY ... LEAVIN'  
SO MUCH ON MY  
PLUCK?

HEY ... I THINK I  
LOVE YOU









WOW! THIS HAS  
GOT TO BE  
THE PLACE!



AT THE DOOR, PETALUMA  
HESITATED...



THEN...

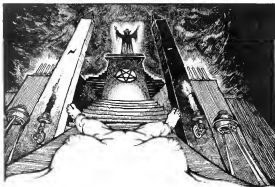


...BUT...BUT HOW DID  
YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?  
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW!



EVEN AS SHE SPoke, PETALUNIA  
FELT A STRANGE PIZZINESS..

SHE TRIED TO CRY OUT AS THE LOERING  
FACE OF HELLAMOGANT FADED...



IT WAS SOMETIME LATER WHEN PETALUNIA BECAME AWARE OF HER SURROUNDINGS..  
SHE FELT THE COLD STONE SLID AGAINST HER BACK ... THE THINGS THAT BOUND  
HER WRISTS AND ANKLES... SLOWLY, SHE OPENED HER EYES AND RAISED  
HER HEAD...



THE BLACK MASS HAD BEGUN!  
PETALUMA DID NOT STRUGGLE  
OR CRY OUT IN PANIC ... HER  
FEAR WAS REPLACED BY A  
STRANGE CHARGE WHICH SUR-  
GED THROUGH HER BODY IN  
WAVES WHICH INCREASED WITH  
THE TEMPO OF HELLAMONTE'S  
INCANTATIONS...



HELLAMONTE'S  
VOICE ROSE TO  
A SCREAM AS  
HE SUMMONED  
THE DARK  
POWERS ...



... WORDS  
WHICH SHOT  
THROUGH  
PETALUMA  
LIKE  
ELECTRICITY...



... WHICH  
BURNED HER  
BODY WITH  
UNCANNY  
RYTHMS!!



AS HELLAMONTE  
APPROACHED HER  
WRITHING FORM,  
SHE FELT HER  
ENERGY MERGE  
WITH HIS VOICE ...  
SHE ~~HEARD~~ HIS VOICE





YET ANOTHER... OH! I SEE WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! NO, IT WASN'T MURDER! I WOULDN'T DO THAT! THERE IS A COMICS CODE Y'KNOW. ALL I WANTED WAS PETALCIMA'S SKULL... TO KEEP ME COMPANY... AND THAT'S ALL I TOOK! SHE IS ALIVE AND WELL! BUT... SEE FOR YOURSELF...



WELL, I HOPE THAT LITTLE TRICK TICKLED YOUR MIND! NOT MUCH IN THE WAY OF REDEEMING SOCIAL VALUES, BUT CERTAINLY BETTER THAN A LOT THAT THIS SOCIETY HAS TO OFFER! BUT, YOU'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME READING THIS DRIVE! IT'S TIME TO GO BACK OUT INTO THE REAL WORLD! TIME TO SHOW 'EM WHAT KIND OF STEIFF YOU'RE MADE OF! WHAT'S THAT? YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT QUITE READY TO GET ON THAT MUNI BUS? YOU'RE NOT READY TO GO FACE THE SAFARI? HMM... WELL, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD READ ON. MAYBE OUR NEXT STORY WILL GIVE YOU ENOUGH INTESTINAL FORTITUDE TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE DAY!



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ENDS



## HELLO FELLOW GORE FREAKS,

READY FOR ANOTHER TALE OF WOE? CONSIDER OLD JONATHAN FRIB HERE, HE'S GOT MILLIONS—ALL INVESTED IN KEEPING HIMSELF ALIVE! HE'S 118 AND WANTS TO LIVE FOREVER, EMERSED IN WORLDLY PLEASURE, NO LESS! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE THINKS HE'S FINALLY FOUND—

### "THE ANSWER"

MORE PLEASURE  
GAS, LOVER?

SECRETLY, HE KNEW  
WHAT HE REALLY WAS...



HA HA!  
HAH! AKKK!  
GURGLE! GURGLE!  
YIKES!



BUT HE THOUGHT HIS  
MONEY WOULD MAKE  
HIS CONDITION BEAR-  
ABLE... THERE WERE  
NO LIMITS!!



MONEY MEANT POWER  
TO OTHER THING MEN.  
HIS RUTHLESSLY ACQUIRED  
CORPORATIONS WERE THE  
TOOLS BY WHICH HE PLOD  
HIS DASTARDLY MORDERS!

THEN ONE NIGHT, A  
STRANGER CALLED...



I WISH TO SEE  
MR. FRIB...  
I AM DOCTOR  
RAVENGRÖDER  
FROM VIENNA!

HELLO MR. FRIB, I THINK I HAVE AN  
ANSWER TO YOUR... PROBLEM.



I HAVE RECENTLY DISCOVERED CERTAIN  
LONG FORGOTTEN METHODS OF SURGERY,  
— A BOOK, FOUND IN THE AUSTRALIAN DESERT..

WHAT SORT OF  
ANSWER,  
DOCTOR??

WHICH, ACCOMPANIED BY THE  
CORRECT INCANTATIONS, ALLOWS  
ME TO ENTER INTO NEW REALMS  
OF.. AHM... MEDICINE..

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A NEW BODY  
MISTER FRIB ???



OLD FRIB FLIPPED OVER! YOUTH WAS  
WHAT HE CRAVED MOST OF ALL !!!

HIS BENT OLD FINGERS SPRANG TO LIFE!

OF COURSE,  
THERE ARE  
CERTAIN TERMS  
MR. FRIB...

MY PRICE IS  
TEN MILLION  
DOLLARS!

ENDANGER!

THE FIRST  
STEP WAS TO  
GET A NEW  
BODY....

THE NEXT - TO REMOVE OLD FRIB'S BRAIN...

NO  
STOP

CHUNG

AND THEN... THE INCANTATIONS!

OX-ET-  
NUM-ISH-  
DOUV-EH-  
MAH...

-AND STICK IT IN THE NOW BRAINLESS TIND?

SUDDENLY, THE FORMERLY STRANGE...



THE SITUATION TOOK ON  
OMINOUS OVERTONES

SLOWLY, AFTER THE STRANGE HOWLINGS STOPPED,  
THE HUFF FIGURE ROSE UP IN THE BERTS GLOW...



JOHNNY BOYS ULTIMATE GAMBLE  
HAD PAID OFF? HIS RATIONAL,  
PLEASURE-MAD MIND FUNCTIONED  
AS BEFORE - WITH ONE EXCEPTION...







REALIZING HIS MYTHIC IMAGE, HE MOVED INTO POLITICS AND WAS IMMEDIATELY ELECTED GOVERNOR OF THREE STATES...

HE BECAME A CONTROVERSIAL CELEBRITY AND MADE PERSONAL APPEARANCES ON BEHALF OF HIS SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE NATION AND THE WORLD...



HIS DECADENCE GROWN ALONG WITH HIS EGO, STAGING HIS FANTASIES TOOK UP AN AVERAGE PORTION OF HIS TIME AND EACH DISPLAY OF THE FRIB IMAGINATION TOPPED ANY PREVIOUS PERFORMANCE.

BRING ME THE NEW SLAVE GIRLS AND THE NEW ELECTRIC WHIP!



THEN ONE NIGHT, DURING ONE OF HIS MORE LAMEN EPISODES...

ATHENS, OBVIOUSLY FROM THE MOST OBVIOUS OF PLACES IN GREECE, CALLED OUT HIS NAME



THE THING, HOLDING THE OTHERS BACK, BECAME TO JONATHAN FRIB...

CHOKING

NO NO NO

KEEP AWAY!

MOMMY!

(WHINE)

SEARCHING FOR A PLACE TO HIDE, HE STUMBLED TO A  
 DARK TUNNEL AND REACHED UP TO SEPARATE THE VOICES  
 UNCONSCIOUSLY (FOR HIM), AT THAT VERY SAME  
 MOMENT (INSIDE THE TUNNEL) THE MEN IN SUITS HAD  
 JUST RECEIVED WORD OF ANEW SUP-  
 PLEMENT OF INFORMATION ACROSS THE  
 TUNNEL... WHAT...

CRASH  
 MAY

AAAAAAA

FOUR JOHNNY  
BUT... WITH ALL HIS  
POWER BEING STILL AT HIS  
AHEAD OF YOU OF 1... THE GRIND  
THINK PEOPLE WOULD TO CLASP  
THE PARTICULARS CONCERNING THE  
GOOD WARRANTY ON HIS LIVER. IN-  
STEAD, THE DUMMY GOT HIMSELF SCARED,  
AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATING SUB-CLUSE  
68 FEAR WHICH STATES "IN CASE OF FEAR  
BYA STAMPEDE OF STOMACH BOWELS, THE

HALF OF THE FIRST PART IS REFERRED TO A  
 SPECIFIC FORM OF THE MAIN SUBJECT TO  
 ETERNAL REINCARNATION AS YOGI. "I KNOW  
 THAT'S RIGHT WHEN BUT THEN THAT A FEW  
 WERE COME, RIGHT? SO WHEN WE GO TODAY,  
 GATHERING ALONG WITH A WHOLE NEW SET OF  
 THINGS - SPENDING OF VALUES, AND THE NEXT  
 TIME, IT'LL LEAVE YOU HOLE THAN A THREE-  
 TONN TREE TOAD IN THE MIDNIGHT MOON...

Now and  
 then.

LOCKED INSIDE THE SKULL ARE MYSTERIES FEW HAVE DARED TO PENETRATE. LEGENDS OF THE PAST SPEAK OF THOSE WHO TREKKED THE LIMITLESS EXPANSES OF THE MIND, WANDERING THE UNCHARTED REGIONS OF CONSCIOUSNESS—OFTEN TO FIND THEMSELVES LOST BEYOND THE RALE OF SANITY. FORTUNATELY, SCIENCE NOW STEERS THE BOAT WITH A STEADY GRIP ON REALITY. BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE UNCANNY, THE UNREAL DESCENDS LIKE A MURKY FOG? WHEN BONES AND DUST BY THE WAYSIDE STIR WITH THE ENERGY ONCE POSSESSED? WHEN SCIENCE PEERS INTO THE DARKNESS OF THE UNKNOWN AND FINDS THAT IT IS



**THE  
INTRUDER**



AM YES - A FASCINATING SUBJECT, MENGO. I MUST GO TO THE GYM NOW.



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, SIR?

BUT TO THINK THAT A PEOPLE SO DEIFIED AS CHINESE CAN LEAVE BEHIND NOTHING BUT GROSS REMINDERS OF DEATH...

THEY WERE SIMPLE MORTAL CHILDREN, CAPABLE TO MOVE BEYOND AN IMPASSABLE OBSTACLE. IT WAS INTENTIONAL THAT THEIR OBSESSIONS WERE MADE INTO OBELISKS!

YES, I HEAR  
THEY'VE COME  
INTO VOCAVE. WHY,  
I'LL NEVER KNOW!



YOU ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED TO  
~~CONTACT~~ YOU MUST UNDERSTAND  
 IT IS YOUR OWN WRITING THAT  
 HAS STRAINED THE INTEREST  
 AND CREATED SUCH A ~~TRANSFORMING~~  
 DEMAND - A DEMAND I FIND  
 INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TO SUPPLY



## A HISTORY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**WILLIAM T. DOWD**



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IT FEELS... FOR THE DO NOT TWO OUR HANDS ARE LIFTED AND ARE NOT—THAT ARE LIFTED, BY THE DO NOT AND—WHO THEN WILL REASON AS IT OUT OF THE HANDS OF REASONING? OUT OF THE HANDS OF REASONING? WHO WILL REASON, REASONING? WHO WILL REASON, REASONING?







DUST FILTERED DOWN LIKE FINE SALT AS THE TWO MEN PIERCED INTO THE DISCOMFORTING DARKNESS.

WELL, THE ~~COOL~~!  
WHAT DID WE YOU  
SEE THIS TIME, BOY?

WELL, OF COURSE - THE  
SMELL IS THAT OF  
FRESH DEATH!  
BOY!

FOLLOWING A BREVITY CUT FROM SOLID BLACK, THEY ENTERED THE ROOM OF OFFERING TO THE DEAD...

HEY, BOY!  
LOOK AT THIS! BOY!  
BOY! MY COMPETITORS  
ARE GOING TO EAT THEIR  
LIVERS! ON SHIT -  
MY LUCKY DAY!!

BUT THE PROCESSION'S GAZE STOOD TOWARD A DIFFERENT PRIZE...

THE CENTRAL  
BURIAL CHAMBER -  
IT MUST BE ENDED!

DOWN A PONG-DOWN CORRIDOR, MULLOY WITH THE CENTURIES, A MACABRE SPECTACLE WELDED TO THE FLASHING LIGHT...

YET JUST AS THE CODEX  
SAID IT WOULD BE - THE  
ZARS, THE SMILES, AND THE  
VEILS OF REGENERATION!

PROFESSOR... WHERE?  
BOUNDS! SO THIS IS  
WHERE THAT SMELL  
IS COMING FROM!

TOUCH NOTHING IN  
HERE! I MUST... UHH... DATA-  
LOGUE EVERYTHING BE-  
FORE IT IS DISTURBED!

AS YOU WISH, DOCTOR. IN THE  
MEANTIME, I'LL DO ARRANGING FOR  
THE LOADING AND UNLOADING. I'D  
WARN FOR YOU TO STAY AWAY  
YOURSELF - ESPECIALLY AT YOUR AGE...

BE GONE!  
I HAVE WORK  
TO DO!



AT LAST THE PROFESSOR  
WAS ALONE...

THE BONES ARE INTACT.  
HOW IS IT? GOOD LORD, IT  
MUST BE TRUE!



AND SET THE SKULLS IN THE WAITING EMPTY SOCKETS, ONE  
AFTER ANOTHER.

SO CLOSE TO  
THEIR GOAL!



EXTERMINITY, HE PLACED HIS HAND IN ITS COIN...



AND NOW, THE  
FINAL STEP -  
THE ~~SKULL~~!



A MERRY MENAGERIE ROSE FROM THE BOILING CAULDS AND  
WINGED THINGS - ABOUT THE SCORCHED SKULLS.

YE THE I UNDER-  
STOOD THE ART OF CHINESE  
COOKERY IN THE YEAR 1800 -  
LEFT AWAY THE MISTERY  
GARDEN OF AGES - THAT I  
YOU HAVE NEVER DIE!



SUDDENLY - THERE WAS COERCING OF MANICUL LAUGHTER  
BUSTLED - ALL THE DISAPPEAR - THE RETURN THOUGHT VIOLENCE  
THE GARGLED FORMATION





NO, I AM NOT DEAD. MY  
CONSCIOUSNESS IS SURVIV-  
ING. I AM FULLY AWARE.  
I FEEL THE MOIST TEXTURE OF  
THE CLAY SPOILING MY HAIR. THE  
DARKNESS OF THIS DAMP-  
ENED I AM FEELS LIKE I MUST  
THINK OF A WAY OUT.

WELL, I WON'T TRY AND GET YOU TO LOVE ME, BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO BE YOUR BEST FRIEND! - YOU LET THEM GO, AND UNDER YOUR SKIN IS NOTHING!

AND PUT IN CASE YOU NEVER HEARD BEFORE, HERE'S THE FINAL TIP!

**TOTAL**

# FEAR

*It's a White Knuckler!*

IN AN OLD WIND-PEP AT  
YOUR MOOSE LIVES IT! BEHOLD MY  
VERY NATURE HAS MANY  
DESPERATE ASPECTS.  
IT IS NOT SURELY  
THAT I FEEL IN  
MANY PLACES  
WITH THESE VERY  
BONE COLLECTIVE  
TO BEHOLD.

WOLF A VERY INTERESTING  
TALK TO TELL OF TWO SUCH  
FRIENDS WHO DISCARDED  
THEIR LIVES PART OF  
THEIR LIVES TO THE  
WOLF. THEY ARE  
THAT A LITTLE SERVED  
AND A NEGROPHILE...  
ON BECOMING, IT...

**Boo!**

COULDN'T THAT  
WRESTLE DO  
IT ALL-TAY  
LONG.

ONCE IN A  
WHILE I WANT ONE  
THAT'S STILL HORROR.  
BUT BACK TO  
MY STORY.

THE TWO ADVENT-  
URERS OF WHICH I  
WEEK HAVE A LONG-  
COURTESY IN THEIR  
ATTIC, ONE  
NEARLY

WET NIGHT  
THAT WERE ON THE  
VEHICLE OF UNLAKING  
A DARK STREET.

**AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF SERVING MEDICAL  
OCCUPATIONS, THE TWO SECTIONS ARE CLOSE  
TO A NEW, JOINTLY-OWNED FACILITY...**

WHAT'S THAT?

BE STRONG... BUT... SOMETHING IS MOVING... TAKE THIS DOWN!

YOUR HOMEOWNERS MAY  
AND THEN DISCOVER THE  
OF IMPROPERLY MAINTAINED  
OR POORLY MAINTAINED  
ELECTRICAL AND GAS  
SYSTEMS AND GAS

NOT, TO COMPLETE THE PROBLEM I NEED ONE MORE STICK!

IT'S WEDNESDAY!

THE COMMODITIES DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK... THE ANSWER TO THE RIDDLE OF THE 1000 DOLLAR, AHEAD. AND, IS ALREADY IN OUR CLOSET!







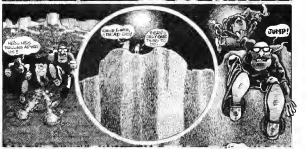
FIGURING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE BOMB SUGGESTION, THEY FINALLY ARRIVED AT A STRUCTURE SO ANCIENT THAT THE NATURE AND USE OF ITS MAJOR STONE BLOCKS, NOWRINTLY SUBSTITUTED A TELLURIC IDOL, ORIGIN, THE TWO INSTANTLY ENTERED THE SUBCE-



**WATER AND HEALTH**









WATCH OUT FOR THIS WOMAN MY FRIENDS, FOR SHE IS NOT WHAT SHE APPEARS TO BE! WATCH OUT OR THE OVERPOWERING INFLUENCE OF THIS SHE-DEVIL WILL TAKE YOU IN IT'S GRASP AND DESTROY YOU AS IF YOU WERE SOFT YELLOW CHEESE!

# LORZI



JOIN LORZI AS SHE WALKS TRANCE-LIKE INTO ANOTHER CHAMBER....







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